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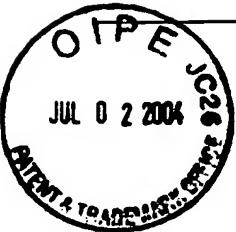
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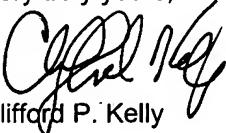
Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/797,976
Title: Process and Device for Discharging
Lignocellulose Raw Materials from a Digester
and Conveying the Raw Material to a Refiner
Inventor(s): Wolfgang Lashofer et al
Our Ref: ANDPAT/183/US

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Attached is a copy of a petition filed on March 22, 2004 for the above-referenced application. Also attached is a copy of our return postcard having a date stamp of March 24, 2004 showing that the petition was received by the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). There is no record of the petition in the PAIR system and a telephone call with the Petitions Office confirmed that there is no record of the petition at the PTO.

Very truly yours,



Clifford P. Kelly

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Pat. Appl. No: 10/797, 976 Docket: ANDPAT/183/VS Date: 03-22-2004
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 Applicant: Wolfgang Lashofcr et al.
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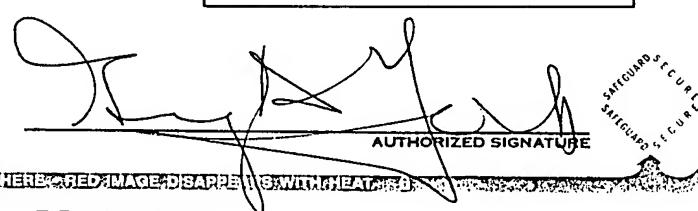
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In re application of: Wolfgang Lashofer et al
 Application No.: 10 / 797,976 Group No.
 Filed: 03/10/2004 Examiner:
 For: Process And Device For Discharging Lignocellulose Raw Materials
 From A Digester And Conveying The Raw Material To A Refiner

Patent No.: Issue date:

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NOTE: See § 513, M.P.E.P., 7th Edition.

1. This is a petition to accord the correspondence in the above-identified

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a filing date of 03/10/2004 (Date), which is the date the correspondence was deposited with the U.S.P.S. with proper postage.

2. Submitted herewith is the statement of Clifford P. Kelly as to when the discrepancy was discovered and establishing that this petition is being filed promptly thereafter. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d)(1).

3. Attached is a true copy of the first page of the correspondence which was filed, showing both the date on which this correspondence was mailed as Express Mail Label No. EV390694757US and that the number of the Express Mail was placed thereon prior to the original mailing. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d)2.

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- the wrong "Date-In" was entered by the U.S.P.S. on the envelope delivered to the P.T.O., but the correct date was entered on Express Mail label.
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37 CFR 1.10(d)(3) further provides that a party must show that correspondence was deposited as "Express Mail" before the last scheduled pickup on the requested filing date in order to obtain a filing date as of that date.

Evidence from the U.S.P.S. as follows:

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Other:

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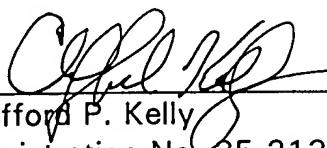
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10(d)(1)

Sir:

On March 22, 2004, we received our return postcard for the above-referenced application. The sticker attached to the postcard by the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicated that the application had been assigned a filing date of March 11, 2004. A copy of the postcard, showing date on which it was received in our office, is attached. The attached petition has been filed promptly after receipt of the return postcard, as evidenced by the mailing date.

Respectfully submitted,
Wolfgang Lashofer et al

By


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No: ANDPAT/183/US Docket: ANDPAT/183/US Date: March 10, 2004
Title/Mark: Access and Device for Discharging
Applicant: Waltzing Lassiter and Michael Fink

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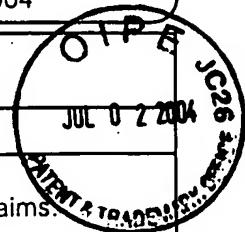
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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

First Named Inventor	Wolfgang Lashofer	
Title	Process and Device for Discharging Lignocellulose Raw Materials From a Digester and Conveying the Raw Material to a Refiner	
Attorney Docket Number	ANDPAT/183/US	
Date	March 10, 2004	

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility design patent application.

ENCLOSURES



7 pages of specification including 2 independent and 8 dependent claims.
 2 sheets of formal informal drawings.
 An Assignment of the invention to _____;
 A Claim of Priority and Certified Copy.
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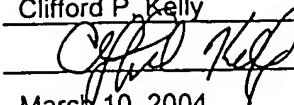
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